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Senator Lora Reinbold
Representative Ken McCarty

Date: May 5, 2021

TO: Senator Click Bishop
Representative Kelly Merrick

FROM: Representative Ken McCarty, District 13

RE: Reappropriations Request

It is requested that \$40,000 be reappropriated from the Yosemite Dr. drainage project balance to the Birchwood Airport Association for the replacement of the septic system.

The Birchwood Airport is a general aviation state-owned, public-use airport that is used by hundreds of Alaskans from all over the state each year. In recent years, the airport restroom facilities have repeatedly backed up, despite the Birchwood Airport Association paying to have the septic tank pumped multiple times in an attempt to fix these issues. The Department of Transportation assessed the situation in 2020 and closed the restroom. They provided an unheated portable restroom and placed it outside near the pilot planning center. The portable restroom does not adequately service all the pilots and passengers who use the airport facility, and this has become a sanitary issue. Attempts to fix this issue have been unsuccessful and the wastewater treatment system needs to be replaced.

The following documents are attached:

Reappropriation Form
A.7 PDF (Reapportions amendment from Leg. Legal)
Laws of 2014
Birchwood Airport Septic System Estimate


Rep. Ken McCarty


Senator Lora Reinbold

2021 Legislature

TPS Report 66231v1

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Birchwood Airport Association****Federal Tax ID: 65-1223430****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Birchwood Airport Association - Wastewater Treatment System

Project Sponsor(s):

Representative McCarty

House District: 13 / G**FY2022 State Funding Request: \$40,000**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Birchwood Airport needs a new wastewater treatment system. The pilot planning center has had repeated problems with their septic system, and efforts to fix it have been unsuccessful.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$40,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2022 State Funding Request:	(\$40,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

In 2019 the Birchwood Airport Association (BAA) paid for the septic to be pumped out and for a plumber to assess the problems. The BAA also paid for multiple cleanings of the pilot planning center due to sewage overflow.

In 2020 the Dept. of Transportation had the septic pumped again and they closed the planning center restroom to continue to investigate the problems.

In 2021 the BAA paid J.R Septic to assess the problems and provide an estimate for a system replacement.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Birchwood Airport is a general aviation state-owned, public-use airport that is used by hundreds of Alaskans from all over the state each year. In recent years the airport restroom facilities have repeatedly backed up, despite the BAA paying to have the septic tank pumped multiple times in an attempt to fix these issues. The Department of Transportation assessed the situation in 2020 and closed the restroom. They provided an unheated portable restroom and placed it outside near the pilot planning center. The portable restroom does not adequately service all of the pilots and passengers who use the airport facility and this has become a sanitary issue. Attempts to fix this issue have been unsuccessful and the wastewater treatment system needs to be replaced.

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

Project Timeline:

This project will be completed summer of 2021 contingent on funding. The replacement of the wastewater treatment system project is estimated to take 30 days from beginning to end. The airport may continue to operate during regular hours for the duration of the project.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

The Birchwood Airport Association

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Lars Gleitsmann
Title: BAA President
Address: 4621 Caraville Dr
Anchorage, Alaska 99502
Phone Number: (907)229-6792
Email: larsgleitsmann@gmail.com

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

JR's Septic Pumping and Excavation

PO Box 773415

Eagle River, AK 99577-3415

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
4/12/2021	52

Name / Address
Birchwood Airport Association 19826 Birchwood Spur Rd. Chugiak, AK 99567

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Rough estimate for engineering and installation for an advanced wastewater treatment system. Should be this number or less.	1	40,000.00	40,000.00
I look forward to working with you!		Total	\$40,000.00

Signature _____

Phone #	E-mail
9076946454	jrsseptic@gmail.com

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: Reappropriation Bill

- 1 *** Sec. A.** HOUSE DISTRICT 13. The unexpended and unobligated balance, not to exceed
2 \$40,000 of the estimated balance of \$1,144,697, of the appropriation made in sec. 1, ch. 18,
3 SLA 2014, page 8, line 33, through page 9, line 3 (Anchorage, Yosemite Drive area, drainage
4 and road upgrade - \$8,000,000), is reappropriated to the Department of Commerce,
5 Community, and Economic Development for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.316 to the
6 Birchwood Airport Association for septic system replacement.
7 *** Sec. B.** Section A of this Act takes effect June 30, 2021.

REAPPROPRIATION FORM

Sponsor: Rep. McCarty

Contact (aide): Tiffany Lund

House District Number(s): 13

If not house district, then department name: _____

Original Appropriation information:

Sec. 1

Ch.18

SLA 2014

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Reappropriated to which department: House District 13

Reappropriation recipient: Birchwood Airport Association

Reappropriation purpose: Septic System Replacement (\$40,000)

Estimated balance: \$1,144,696.89

		Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
1	Street (HD 21)			
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3	Street (HD 21)			
4	Anchorage - Loussac Renovation (HD 11-	10,000,000	10,000,000	
5	27)			
6	Anchorage - Mountain View Area Alley	250,000	250,000	
7	Paving & Safety Improvements (HD 17)			
8	Anchorage - Muldoon Library Materials	40,000	40,000	
9	and Technology (HD 11-27)			
10	Anchorage - Pedestrian and Student	250,000	250,000	
11	Safety (HD 17)			
12	Anchorage - Pleasant Valley	400,000	400,000	
13	Subdivision Area Road and Drainage			
14	Rehab (HD 25)			
15	Anchorage - Senate District F	1,500,000	1,500,000	
16	Residential Pavement Rehabilitation			
17	(HD 12)			
18	Anchorage - Senate District H	450,000	450,000	
19	Residential Pavement Rehabilitation			
20	(HD 15)			
21	Anchorage - Senate District L	370,000	370,000	
22	Residential Pavement Rehabilitation			
23	(HD 23)			
24	Anchorage - Senate District M	500,000	500,000	
25	Residential Pavement Rehabilitation			
26	(HD 25)			
27	Anchorage - Viburnum Drive/Oakwood	1,100,000	1,100,000	
28	Drive/Burlwood Drive Reconstruction			
29	(HD 24)			
30	Anchorage - West Northern Lights	375,000	375,000	
31	Boulevard at Alaska Railroad Overpass			
32	Drainage Improvements (HD 19)			
33	Anchorage - Yosemite Drive Area	8,000,000	8,000,000	

		Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
3	Drainage and Road Upgrade (HD 26)			
4	Angoon - Construct Road Access to	107,000	107,000	
5	Community Cemetery (HD 34)			
6	Angoon - Construct Roof and Install	35,000	35,000	
7	Lighting for Outdoor Basketball Court			
8	(HD 34)			
9	Angoon - Existing Community Sewer	709,500	709,500	
10	System and Outfall Line Replacement			
11	(HD 34)			
12	Bethel - Sewage Lagoon (HD 37)	700,000	700,000	
13	Bristol Bay Borough - Career and	186,606	186,606	
14	Technical Education Program Housing/			
15	Training Facility Renovation Project			
16	(HD 36)			
17	Cordova - Community Center	4,000,000	4,000,000	
18	Construction Completion (HD 35)			
19	Craig - City Schools Replacement	15,000	15,000	
20	Freezer and Cooler (HD 34)			
21	Craig - Community Streets Improvements	600,000	600,000	
22	(HD 34)			
23	Craig - Prince of Wales Emergency	55,000	55,000	
24	Communications (HD 34)			
25	Delta Junction - Community Park	250,000	250,000	
26	Handicap Accessible Restrooms and Park			
27	Pathways (HD 6)			
28	Delta Junction - Imagination Library	10,000	10,000	
29	Book Purchase and Shipping (HD 6)			
30	Delta Junction - Motor Grader for	465,000	465,000	
31	Maintenance of City Streets (HD 6)			
32	Denali Borough - Purchase New	108,000	108,000	
33	Ambulance (HD 38)			

Deneen Tuck

From: Hoskinson, Glenn A (CED) <glenn.hoskinson@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:51 PM
To: Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Ken McCarty
Cc: Heath Hilyard; Deneen Tuck
Subject: RE: Grant 15-DC-034

Correction – It was [SB 119 from 2014](#) that identified this grant as being in House District 26, not SB 119 from 2019. Thank you to Heath for catching that!

From: Hoskinson, Glenn A (CED)
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Tilton, Cathy (LEG) <representative.cathy.tilton@akleg.gov>; McCarty, Kenneth E (LEG) <Rep.Ken.McCarty@akleg.gov>
Cc: Hilyard, Heath E (LEG) <heath.hilyard@akleg.gov>; Tuck, Deneen (LEG) <deneen.tuck@akleg.gov>
Subject: Grant 15-DC-034
Importance: High

Good afternoon Representatives,

I apologize for the delay; we are getting lots of request for information on lapsing grants today – as expected – but it caused us to have a bit of a backlog this afternoon. Anyway, here's the information I received from the Division of Community and Regional Affairs for the MOA's Yosemite Drive Area Drainage Road and Update grant (#15-DC-034):

- **The grant is listed in House District 26; are there two Yosemite Drives?**
[2019's SB 119](#) identified this project as being in House District 26, however we've found that the House District noted in a bill has been incorrect before. I'm attaching the Total Project Snapshot (TPS) Report for this grant which describes the area the project is designed to serve.
- **Current status of the grant?**
The MOA provides minimal information in their financial/progress reports despite our multiple requests for more detail. However, the last financial/progress report received on this program on March 31, 2021 requested reimbursement of administration costs and stated that the remaining balance of the grant is \$1,144,669.69. (\$8 million was the total award amount.)
- **Has the MOA indicated a request for an extension?**
MOA identified they would repeal/reappropriate this project. That document is attached as well.

If you need any additional information, let us know.

Thank you!
Sincerely,

Glenn Hoskinson
Special Assistant to the Commissioner
Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development
State of Alaska
Desk: (907) 465-6466

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Anchorage - Yosemite Drive Area Drainage and Road Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$10,300,000
One-Time Need

House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)

Brief Project Description:

This project will design and construct drainage improvements in the Yosemite Drive area. This project also includes the construction services necessary to upgrade Yosemite Drive, which is required to finalize the plat for the Eagle River High School site.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$12,900,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$2,600,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$10,300,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

A 2008 state grant of \$700K provided funding for the drainage design study. An FY14 state grant of \$1.9M provided funding to ASD for the design phase of the road upgrade.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Drainage design study has been funded. This funding will complete design and construction of drainage improvements in the Yosemite Drive area. Drainage issues remain unresolved and a key element to finding solutions is completion of a drainage study of the area bounded by Eagle River on the north, Veterans Memorial Highway on the south, and the Glenn Highway on the west. State DNR manages property between Yosemite Drive and Eagle River and construction of future drainage solutions is expected to require their approval. Completing the comprehensive drainage study is expected to be a key element of gaining required approvals.

In 2007, road, drainage, and pedestrian improvements were constructed on Yosemite Drive and at the Yosemite Drive intersection with Veterans Memorial Highway. This project is a high priority for the South Fork Community Council. The lack of adequate drainage facilities has contributed to flooding and increased maintenance.

This grant would also fund the construction services necessary to upgrade Yosemite Drive, the access road that serves Eagle River High School. This work is required to finalize the plat for the Eagle River High School site. The project will be constructed in conjunction with the Municipality of Anchorage's project to remediate the drainage issues in this area as described above. The scope of work includes widening the road, installing curbs and gutter and adding an additional walking path for students and residents. This project will be executed by the Municipality of Anchorage to be combined with other road and drainage work described above.

**\$8,000,000
Approved**

Total Project Snapshot Report

2014 Legislature

TPS Report 55809v1

The grant funding may be used for planning, design, utility work, obtaining rights of way and easements, construction, and any work associated with the improvements described above or associated amenities.

Project Timeline:

Design expenditures are anticipated 2014-2015. Construction spending should take place in 2015 and 2016.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

CBERRRSA

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Gary Jones
Title: Capital Program Coordinator
Address: PO Box 196650
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
Phone Number: (907)343-8446
Email: jonesgb@muni.org

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Municipality of Anchorage - Grants Lapsing June 30, 2021

Grant Number	Project Name	Start Date	Award Amount	Remaining	Lapse Date	Action
07-DC-391	Dimond Center Intermodal Project Match	07/01/2006	270,000.00	136,067.77	06/30/2021	Extension
11-DC-022	Begich Middle School Lighting for Track and Field	04/19/2010	200,000.00	-	06/30/2021	Expend
12-DC-239	121st Avenue Storm Drain Construction	07/01/2011	1,200,000.00	408,936.66	06/30/2021	Lapse
12-DC-250	Arberg Avenue Extension - Winner Creek Area	07/01/2011	3,500,000.00	102,117.06	06/30/2021	Extension
12-DC-321	Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	07/01/2011	500,000.00	18,689.55	06/30/2021	Extension
12-DC-800	Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department	03/15/2012	6,150,000.00	8,738.22	06/30/2021	Expend
13-DC-124	Hillside Integration Commission for Drainage	07/01/2012	100,000.00	17,297.04	06/30/2021	Extension
13-DC-394	Fish Creek Trail - Northwood Drive to Spennard	07/01/2012	575,000.00	83,748.79	06/30/2021	Lapse
13-DC-442	Cordova Street Pedestrian and Traffic Safety	07/01/2012	1,000,000.00	346,855.71	06/30/2021	Lapse
13-DC-460	Mountain View Drive and McCarrey Street Intersection	07/01/2012	1,100,000.00	181,929.49	06/30/2021	Lapse
13-DC-464	Birch Road Safety Improvements - O'Malley Road	07/01/2012	1,200,000.00	170,220.21	06/30/2021	Lapse
13-DC-597	Eagle River Traffic Mitigation - Business Boulevard	07/01/2012	6,000,000.00	5,156,839.91	06/30/2021	Extension
14-DC-019	Girdwood Road Service Area Road and Drainage	07/01/2013	250,000.00	62,903.96	06/30/2021	Extension
14-DC-024	Mountain View Drive Pedestrian Lighting Improvements	07/01/2013	1,000,000.00	219,591.61	06/30/2021	Lapse
14-DC-039	Toilsome Hill Drive/Glen Alps Road, Canyon Road	07/01/2013	3,000,000.00	299,966.84	06/30/2021	Extension
14-RR-032	Improvements and Safety Upgrades at the Intersection	06/30/2013	3,520,063.92	1,297,610.62	06/30/2021	Extension
15-DC-008	64th Avenue Upgrade/Reconstruction - Laure	07/01/2014	2,400,000.00	1,227,489.31	06/30/2021	RR
15-DC-010	Boniface Parkway Pedestrian Improvements	07/01/2014	140,000.00	37,124.15	06/30/2021	Lapse
15-DC-018	Foothills East Subdivision Area Street Reconstruction	07/01/2014	3,000,000.00	493,539.67	06/30/2021	Extension
15-DC-022	Klatt Road/Southport Drive Surface Rehab - 1	07/01/2014	1,500,000.00	69,958.71	06/30/2021	Expend
15-DC-026	Pedestrian and Student Safety	07/01/2014	250,000.00	102,948.78	06/30/2021	Extension
15-DC-032	Viburnum Drive/Oakwood Drive/Burlwood Drive	07/01/2014	1,100,000.00	1,054,385.04	06/30/2021	RR
15-DC-033	West Northern Lights Boulevard at Alaska Railroad	07/01/2014	375,000.00	37,743.39	06/30/2021	Lapse
15-DC-034	Yosemite Drive Area Drainage and Road Upgrade	07/01/2014	8,000,000.00	1,143,811.01	06/30/2021	RR
			46,330,063.92	12,678,513.50		
	Will be spent by 06/30/21		7,850,000.00	78,696.93		
	Project Complete - Funds will lapse		6,590,000.00	1,486,150.01		
	ReAppropriation		11,500,000.00	3,425,685.36		
	Extension		20,390,063.92	7,687,981.20		
			46,330,063.92	12,678,513.50		

Signature	<i>Anna C. Henderson</i>	Printed Name	Anna C. Henderson	Date	December 15, 2020
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REAPPROPRIATION FORM

Sponsor: Senator Reinbold

Contact (aide): _____ Kelli Toth 465-3822

House District Number(s): 14

If not house district, then department name: _____ Alaska State

Parks _____

Original Appropriation information:

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Line(s) 33-3

Reappropriated to which department: House District 14

Reappropriation recipient: Eagle River Lions Club, Eagle River Greenbelt historic Iditarod Trail follow the trails, management, and access plan or Eagle River Nature Center, Alaska Trails, potential recipients.

Reappropriation purpose: Surface Resurfacing for Outdoor Recreation Courts, trail improvements within the Eagle River Trails system within the State Park and vicinity.

Estimated balance: \$1,144,696.89

